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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Burgin, Jr., Alex B., et al.
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Title : USE OF PHOSPHOROTHIOLATE
POLYNUCLEOTIDES IN LIGATING
NUCLEIC ACIDS

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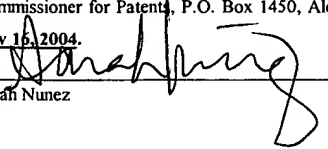
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